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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Office Action and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified under § 1.17(p) and a certification as specified under § 1.97(e). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in

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a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that the documents were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract and translation of the listed Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 07-168744 is enclosed. Applicants have also enclosed, for the Examiner's convenience, an English language version of the Notification which cites this document and sets forth the relevance thereof. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

Applicants note that the other "cited document" in the Notification, an article to Birrell et al. (see the third page of the translation of the Notification), was previously cited by Applicants in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2004, and considered by the Examiner, as indicated in the initialed Form PTO 1449 attached to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004.

Applicants have also enclosed a copy of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 01-156840 (JP '840) and an English language abstract of this document. JP '840 is also identified at the third page of the Notification.

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